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International Women's Day



Context:

- International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated annually on March 8th.
- It's a day to recognize the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.
- It also serves as a call to action for accelerating gender equality.

About:

- The United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day in 1975, which had been proclaimed the International Women's Year.
- In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as an official UN holiday for women's rights and world peace.

Theme:

- The United Nations has designated the year 2024's theme as 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress'
- It focuses on addressing economic disempowerment
- The campaign theme for this year is 'Inspire Inclusion.'

Bhagyanagar Gas Limited announces reduction in CNG prices from midnight today



Context:

- Bhagyanagar Gas Limited (BGL) announced a reduction in CNG prices in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Kakinada.
- The new price of Rs 90.50 per kg is effective from midnight of March 7, 2024.
- This represents a decrease from Rs 93 per kg.
- This move aims to promote CNG as a cleaner and more affordable transportation fuel.
- BGL claims the new price offers significant savings compared to petrol and diesel.

PM Modi inaugurates development works at Simhachalam, Borra Caves in AP

Context:

- PM Modi virtually inaugurated development works of Simhachalam temple under PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) scheme and for providing additional facilities for tourists at Borra Caves as part of Araku-Lambasingi circuit works taken up under Swadesh Darshan 2.0.



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- The **PM** virtually laid the foundation from Srinagar.
- Tourism authorities of the Central and State governments made **elaborate arrangements for the launch of the twin projects.**
- Development works to the tune of Rs **54.04 crore will be taken up at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple atop Simhachalam.**

Sri City blurs gender gap with 50% women staff

Context:

- Sri City, a world class industrial zone near Tada in Tirupati district commits to **“Invest in Women, Accelerate Progress”** and has become a role model in maintaining gender equality in its manufacturing sector through employment and skill development.
- Sri City is making strides towards gender equality with a significant achievement: a workforce comprised of **50% women.**
- This remarkable balance breaks down traditional barriers and promotes equal opportunities for women in the workplace.

Dr Ragunatha Rao honored with Dr B C Roy National Award for contributions to medicine



Context:

- The founder director of **Homi Bhabha cancer hospital and research centre** in the port city, **Dr D Raghunatha Rao, received the distinguished Dr B C Roy National Award for his exceptional contributions to the field of medicine**
- The **award was presented by Mizoram governor Dr Kambhampati Haribabu**, who commended Dr Ragunatha Rao for his remarkable achievements and relentless dedication to **advancing cancer research and healthcare** during Andhra Loyola College's Platinum Jubilee Valedictory Celebrations in Vijayawada.



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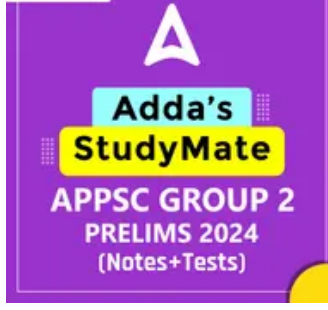
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